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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM OAS NS
SUBJ: STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF AMERICAN CONVENTION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: STATE 51529

1. ACTING GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR HENAR
REAFFIRMED TO CHARGE MARCH 3 THAT GOS INTENDS TO PROCEED
WITH SIGNING AND RATIFICATION OF THE PACT OF SAN JOSE.
HE ANTICIPATED NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN DOING SO BUT COULD
NOT SPELL OUT A SPECIFIC TIME FRAME FOR ACTION.

2. HENAR SAID THAT GOS HAD PUT OFF A DECISION ON THE
PACT PENDING A REPORT FROM SURINAM'S OAS AMBASSADOR
KARAMAT AS TO WHY SO MANY SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE
NOT YET RATIFIED IT. HE ADDED THAT KARAMAT'S REPORT
STILL HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED, BUT HE THOUGH GOS COULD
MOVE AHEAD WITHOUT TOO MUCH FURTHER CONCERN.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT GOS POLICY
DECLARATION DUE IN PARLIAMENT SOMETIME THIS MONTH WILL
INCLUDE REFERENCE TO GOS INTENTION TO ACCEDE TO PACT OF
SAN JOSE. QUESTION STILL MUST BE APPROVED BY CABINET
AND LAID BEFORE PARLIAMENT BEFORE RATIFICATION CAN TAKE
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PLACE. ALTHOUGH HENAR THOUGHT THIS SHOULD NOT TAKE TOO
LONG, GIVEN NORMAL PACE OF GOS DECISIONMAKING, EMBASSY
ANTICIPATES IT WILL BE SOME TIME FEBORE GOS ACTUALLY
SIGNS AND RATIFIES THE PACT.
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